AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract paragraph beginning on Page 50, Line 1 with the following:

The present invention provides for a lottery pooling management system. The lottery pooling management system may include a participant interface, lottery interface, and notification interface. The participant interface may be in communication with a participant computer and configured to allow pool participants to participate in one or more lottery pools with each lottery pool having one or more sets of lottery numbers. The lottery interface may be in communication with one or more lotteries and the participant interface, and configured to ascertain drawing results and jackpot amounts for the lotteries and compare the drawing results with the sets of lottery numbers in the lottery pools. The notification interface may be in communication with the participant interface and the lottery interface, and configured to alert pool participants about activity in the lotteries, the status of the lottery pools, and the compared drawing results.

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are currently pending in the application. In the Office Action mailed October 4, 2002, the Examiner has: (1) rejected the Abstract for being above the 150 word limit; (2) rejected Claims 1-8, 10-16, 20, 22-24, 27, 29-37, and 39-44, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,168,521 to *Luciano et al.* or U.S. Patent No. 6,322,446 to *Yacenda*; (3) rejected Claims 9, 21, 28, and 38, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Luciano et al. (6,168,521); (4) rejected Claims 17-18, and 25, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yacenda (6,322,446); (5) rejected claims 19 and 26, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yacenda (6,322,446) in view of Luciano (6,168,521). Applicants respectfully address each of the Examiner's rejections below.

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